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AB Four title compds. (I; n = 1, 2, or 3; R = Me or Bu), useful as solvents, were prepd. by reaction of HO(CH2)mCN (II, m = 3, 4, 5) with ROH in the presence of a catalyst, i.e. a halide of a Group I B, II B, or VIII metal or of Fe. Thus, II (m = 3), MeOH, and HgCl2 were heated 2 hr at 300.degree. under N to give 35.9% I (R = Me, n = 1).

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